

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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Green's Ledge Light

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:
MARY FLYNN, PARKS & REC COMM.
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER,
CAP. GARY PAVIA, POLICE

Minutes of July 1, 2015 Meeting

The meeting, in Room 119, Town Hall, was called to order at 7:35pm by Chairman Huffard.

Present were: Commissioners Huffard, Cavers, Vilter and Jewett. Also present were Harbor Master Tom Bell, David Dever and Mark Ioli (from the Parks & Recreation Commission).

Absent were: Commissioners Spivey, Balloch, Kemp, Monro, Schoudel and Sparkman.

The minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

1. Commissioner Status. Chairman Huffard reported that Commissioner Sparkman would be stepping down and that the Commission would seek candidates to replace Commissioner Sparkman.
2. Water Quality. Chairman Huffard and Audrey Weil met with a Westport, CT based group called Harbor Watch, which is certified to conduct water testing in Long Island Sound. The Town of Darien currently only tests for bacterial levels, but Harbor Watch could test for nitrogen levels which would be of interest to the Commission. Harbor Watch prepared and submitted a written proposal to conduct such testing which Chairman Huffard reviewed and returned for resubmission. If a revised proposal is received and receives favorable reviews by the Commission, Chairman Huffard may submit the revised proposal to the Town of Darien for its consideration.

Shellfish Chairman's Report

No shellfish report was given at the meeting.

Harbor Master's Report

Harbor Master Bell reported on two items: (i) the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) will be conducting an inspection in regards to the Darien's request to relocate speed buoys and (ii) Darien's mid-channel buoys may need to be relocated for compliance purposes. Harbor Master Bell indicated that money is available in the budget to relocate the mid-channel buoys.

Rock Hazard Task Force

Chairman Huffard indicated that the Rock Hazard Task Force will undertake a study to identify the worst dozen or so submerged hazards in Darien Coastal Waters and then to prioritize which of those are deserving of being marked with buoys, and the best manner in which to so mark the buoys.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm, Room 119, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Vilter
Clerk